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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" Government very much sympathise with the suggestion and they would like to contribute as much as possible but in the present finances of the Province they are unable to do so. I think we must await better finances."

Dismissal from service of Sri T. C. Ramunni Ezhuthachan, Peringode.

* 193 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Sri T. C. Ramunni Ezhuthachan, a teacher employed in the Aided Higher Elementary School, Peringode, South Malabar, has appealed to the Educational authorities against the order of dismissal passed by the Manager of the school;

(*b*) what orders the Educational authorities have passed;

(*c*) what the offence is for which this teacher was punished by the Manager;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Manager compelled the teacher to give an undertaking to desist from taking jatha of Harijans into the temples on threat of dismissal; and

(*e*) whether the legislation relating to temple entry does not afford protection to those upholding the law as against those who take law into their own hands?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The matter is under investigation.

" (*c*) Alleged serious misconduct and gross insubordination and engaging in religious and communal propaganda, and unsatisfactory work.

" (*d*) No information is available.

" (*e*) Yes."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that this teacher was dismissed because he lead a jatha of Harijans into the temple belonging to the Manager of the School?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" That is not the information. The matter is still under investigation."

Constitution of Advisory Committees for Aided Colleges.

* 194 *Q*.—MRS. M. HENSMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government consulted the Madras and the Andhra Universities about the question of constituting Advisory Committees for Aided Colleges;

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(b) whether the Government will place on the table of the House the opinions of these two Universities; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the order since passed in G.O. No. 404, dated 2nd March has caused great anxiety to managements of Colleges and that representations have been made that this will result in creating a situation which will prejudicially affect the working of Colleges?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"(a) Yes.

"(b) & (c) The two Universities did not favour the constitution of these committees. The Government do not think it necessary to place the correspondence on the table of the House. The Director of Public Instruction recommended that the managements of Colleges may be advised to form such committees and that recommendation has been accepted by Government. The order is advisory and does not compel any managements to constitute such committees."

MRS. MONA HENSMAN :—" In the case of aided institutions and colleges which already have such advisory committees, I suppose Government do not propose to interfere with the working of these committees."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" Government do not propose to interfere with any private institution unless they consider it absolutely necessary."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Supposing a private college is not prepared to accept the advice of the Government to constitute an advisory committee, what is the action that the Government propose to take?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" Nothing, Sir, it is only an advisory committee."

Price of sugarcane in the Hospet area.

* 195 Q.—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) what the minimum price of sugarcane fixed for Hospet area in the Bellary district under the Sugarcane Act XV of 1934 during each year from 1938 to 1948 is; and

(b) the average price of white sugar per ton or per bag of 2 cwts. during the said years?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) & (b) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

a Printed as Appendix I on pages 911–913 infra.